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Application of: Giammaria Sitar Confirmation No.: 4515
Serial No.: 09/937,137 Art Unit: 1651
Filed: September 21, 2001 Examiner: Vera Afremova
For: A METHOD FOR THE Attorney Docket No.: 9952-047
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111 WITH AMENDMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding non-final Office Action, dated March 17, 2003, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks. Submitted herewith are: (1) a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for three months from June 17, 2003 to and including September 17, 2003, together with authorization for the necessary fee (as a Small Entity); and (2) an Information Disclosure Statement with PTO 1449 Form listing references C01 and C02. It is requested that the cited references be made of record in the file of this application.

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Claim amendments as reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims begin on page 3.

The Remarks begin on page 7.